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1. USSR: Implications of Dimitrov disavowal--US Embassy  
Moscow and US Legation Sofia interpret the 28 January PRAVDA article on Dimitrov (which disavows Dimitrov's recent predictions of a Balkan customs union and federation) as an indication that Dimitrov will be reduced to a secondary position in the Communist hierarchy. The missions believe that the Kremlin was motivated in this action by a desire to impress upon Dimitrov and other Communist Satellite leaders that the USSR will tolerate no deviation from the Party line of direct Soviet control over the Satellites.
2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Agreements with US urged--US Charge  
Bruins in Prague recommends that the US give moral support to the non-Communists in Czechoslovakia by negotiating a commercial agreement and a cultural convention with the Czechoslovak Government and by publishing in Czechoslovakia US documents on the true story of the liberation of Prague. Bruins believes that these steps would encourage the people to express their real feelings in the May elections despite Communist pressure and would offer at negligible risk "a good hope of success in containing Communism on this front."

## NEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. TRANSJORDAN: UK to continue Arab Legion subsidy--US  
Embassy London has learned that the UK Foreign Office has recommended the continued subsidy of the Transjordan Arab Legion because the UK "cannot afford to see any stabilizing force in the Middle East disintegrate at this time."

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